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LIKEWISE THE SPIRIT ALSO HELPETH OUR INFIRMITIES: FOR WE KNOW NOT WHAT WE SHOULD PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT: BUT THE SPIRIT ITSELF MAKETH INTERCESSION FOR US WITH GROANINGS WHICH CANNOT BE UTTERED. AND HE THAT SEARCHETH THE HEARTS KNOWETH WHAT IS THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT, BECAUSE HE MAKETH INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD. Romans 8:26,27.

Many times have we heard Christians say, "Why can't I pray like some of the others do? Why can't I pray as I would want to? And why is it that there is no change in me when I pray?"

When you accepted Christ as your personal Friend and Saviour, you were sealed with the promise of the Holy Spirit. Have you made room in your heart for the Holy Spirit to dwell in and make permanent residence for Him? Have you welcomed Him and made Him feel at home there? He hates sin in all its forms: pride, selfishness, worldliness, and is easily grieved at the smallest neglect. He cannot indwell in us until we have cleaned our own house.

A young couple once went to visit a friend for a few days. Upon entering the household they found the house filthy and neglected. This young couple tried to enjoy the visit and to make themselves feel at home, but because of the filthiness they could not enjoy themselves. In bitter disgust the two visitors helped the family clean the house, but because of the neglect it was hard and tedious work. When the time of departure came, the young couple were grieved because they could not enjoy the visit. "This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

After we have cleaned our own house, then can we truly pray as the Spirit speaks and our prayers answered according to His riches and glory for the Spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.

Oh, how glorious it is when we know that we have cleaned our hearts from all our iniquities, shortcomings to the smallest neglect, and to make a permanent dwelling place for the Spirit and to make Him feel at home. Thus we can sing with a prayerful heart:

"Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus,
Come in today, come in to stay
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

--Aiko Konatsu--

SUBMIT YOUR CHOICE--

The closing date of the naming contest for our church weekly has again been delayed due to insufficient entries. Although additional titles were submitted after the extension last week, the contributions have been relatively few when considering the number of church members.

Everyone is urged to participate in the selection of an appropriate name by submitting his choice or choices to the Church office, 310-7-P by Wednesday evening. The winner will be announced at this week's singspiration and the prize, a beautiful Scofield Bible, will be presented.

DEDICATION



To our former publications head, Miss Florence T. Takahashi, who through her unselfish sacrificial toil for the church, her zeal and testimonial life for the Lord and her ever-ready smile, has been an inspiration and blessing to all, we humbly with deepest gratitude, affectionately dedicate this issue of the Bulletin.

TESTIMONY

It gives me real joy and peace to live for Him, who saved me from my transgression. It's such a wonderful joy that words cannot express. As I do my daily work there's a song ringing in my heart, a song of praise and thanks unto God. As I think of what He has done for me and what He has promised for me on that judgment day, all my worries and troubles melt away and I want to really live for Him.

I truly thank God for this evacuation program, because if it had not been for this, I would not have known the true meaning of Christ's suffering. I truly can say that this one year and the rest of the days in camp is really a beginning of an interesting adventure in God's world.

I thank God for the sweet fellowship we have in being His children and the privilege of calling Him, Our Father. My prayer is that I might be a real testimony for Him and to have His will be done in my life. Oh! I praise the Lord for what he has done and what he means to me.

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Psalms 136:1

Masakazu Konatsu

BUSINESS

At the regular mid-week service a business meeting was held at which time the vacancies in the Church Council were filled. The new Council is composed of the following persons and their positions:

Education - Sophie Shizume
Evangelism - George Takaoka
Public Relations - Mary Abe
Finance - Tom Mukai
Music - Raiko Konatsu
Publication - Shinobu Suzuki
Gen. Arrange. - Dave Arata
Church clerk - Kimiyo Shimizu

An hour of fellowship followed the business meeting to express our appreciation to active members who will be leaving us shortly. The honored guests were Rev. Paul Nagano, Florence Wake, Ruth Iwami, Carl Yoshimino, and Aiko Konatsu.

FELICITATIONS

On Monday evening at an informal get-together in the home of the Wakes, the engagement of Florence Wake to Rev. Paul Nagano was announced.

The marriage ceremony will take place Monday night, and the couple is scheduled to leave for Minneapolis, Minnesota the following Tuesday.

May the Lord richly bless these two as they continue to serve Him on the outside.

acknowledgments

The Poston Third Christian Church acknowledges the pledges received from Marian and Kikimoo Tanabe, Waukeg, Iowa; and Henry Shizume, Palisades, Colorado.

EXCERPTS

...School will be starting soon; am looking forward to those days when yours truly will be able to continue in my studies that I can become better fitted to be of the Master's use...

...It is our privilege that we can remember you in prayer; we thank God that you continue to remember us in your prayers. They have been a source of strength to us. James 5:16b.

Hatsue & Haruo Tashiro
Wheaton, Illinois

C.E. NEWS

Y.P. and Adult C.E.

The Y.P. and Adult C. E. met together with Raiko Konatsu as chairman. Scripture cards were distributed among the members from which everyone present gave a testimony on the truth of the Bible verses, and expressed their thanks unto God. A special vocal number was rendered by the Jr. Church Girls' Trio.

Seniors

Music was the theme of the evening with Iris Tanaka in charge. Special numbers were given by Sumiko Imamura, piano solo; Florence Wake, medley of hymns; and a girls' quartet composed of Sumi Kitahata, Louise Hayakawa, Smackie Hirashima, and Tommie Shiozawa.

A short business meeting was conducted by Pres. Paul Ichiuji, and Velma Kurihara was elected Fellowship Chairman.

Juniors

With James Tajiri as chairman, a boys' night was observed last Sunday evening by the Juniors. A special all-male pantomime, with all the boys in attendance taking part, was featured. A short message in regards to the degrees of Christianity found among the many Christians of the world, was delivered by Thomas Tajiri.

DEPARTURES

We pray that God will be with each of the church members who have left us this past week.
Florence Takahashi-Syracuse, N.Y.
Ruth Iwami - Cleveland Heights
Rosemary Iwami - Cleveland Heights
Bob & Sumi Hirai - Chicago, Ill.
Sachiko Urata - Greeley, Colo.
Misao Furuta - St. Paul, Minn.

congrats!!

Raiko & Gaiichi Kageyama, former Christian church members who are now in Malta, Montana, are proud parents of a baby boy who arrived on August 29, 1943.